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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE PARTICIPATION IN ADB

REFS: (A) STATE 110912 (B) MANILA 6037

1. WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT ADB HAS SUSPENDED ITS OPERATIONS
IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA AND SPECIFICALLY THE RIGHT OF THESE
COUNTRIES TO MAKE FURTHER WITHDRAWAL FROM LOAN ACCOUNTS.
WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT BANK MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN
URGED BY SOME OF ITS MEMBERS TO SEEK EARLY NORMALIZATION
OR RELATIONS WITH THESE COUNTRIES. USG POLICY REMAINS THAT
IFI-S AND PARTICULARLY ADB SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUSPEND
OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA.

2. IN COURSE PASSMAN SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS ON ADB APPRO-
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PRIATIONS MAY 15, CONGRESSMAN PASSMAN INDICATED HE WILL

WISH TO WRITE LEGISLATION WITH AIM OF PRECLUDING ADB FROM LENDING TO QUOTE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES UNQUOTE. THERE IS STRONG SENTIMENT IN SOME CONGRESSIONAL CIRCLES IN FAVOR OF SUCH LEGISLATION. WE BELIEVE ANY LEGISLATED RESTRICTION ON USE OF U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO ADX WOULD SERIOUSLY DISRUPT MULTILATERAL DECISION MAKING IN ADB.

3. IT WOULD THEREFORE BE USEFUL FOR US TO GET ASSURANCES FROM MAJOR DONORS, PARTICULARLY JAPAN, THAT THEY WILL SUPPORT US ALONG FOLLOWING LINES. FIRST, WE DO NOT WISH BANK TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH CAMBODIA OR VIETNAM. WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHETHER EITHER OF THE NEW GOVERNMENTS HAS ANY INTENTION OF PARTICIPATION IN ADB, BUT SHOULD THEY APPROACH THE BANK, SEEKING RESUMPTION OF DISBURSEMENTS AND/OR INITIATION OF NEW LENDING, WE WOULD EXPECT AT A MINIMUM A FULL AND THOROUGH REVIEW BY THE BANK OF THE COUNTRY SITUATIONS, I.E. WHETHER THEY ARE CAPABLE AND WILLING TO TAKE OVER OBLIGATIONS OF PARTICIPATION. WOULD THEY BE WILLING FOR INSTANCE, TO PROVIDE FULL INFORMATION AND DATA ON ECONOMY; WOULD THEY PERMIT ENTRY, FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION BY BANK SURVEY MISSIONS AND CONSULTANTS CONTRACTED UNDER ADB-FINANCED PROJECTS; WOULD BANK BE ABLE TO EVALUATE PROJECTS AFTER COMPLETION; WOULD CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS OF ALL ADB MEMBERS BE ELIGIBLE FOR WORK IN COUNTRY; WHAT WOULD THEIR STATUS BE; ETC.

4. FYI: THERE IS ALSO LIKELY TO BE CONCERN IN CONGRESS ABOUT ADB ACTIVITY IN LAOS WHICH COULD BECOME AS MUCH OF AN ISSUE AS LENDING IN CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM. END FYI. IF ASKED ABOUT ADB ACTIVITY IN LAOS, ADDRESSEES SHOULD SIMPLY INDICATE THAT WE ARE FOLLOWING SITUATION IN LAOS CLOSELY.

5. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS AND SEEK THEIR SUPPORT FOR POSITION IN PARAGRAPH 3. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT, THAT CONTINUED CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION IN ADB

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IS AT STAKE. IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT NOTHING IN THIS MESSAGE SHOULD BE CONSTRUED THAT WE WISH TO INFLUENCE THEIR BILATERAL DEALINGS WITH THE CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENTS.

6. WE SHALL BE REVIEWING SITUATION WITH ADB PRESIDENT INOUE IN PARIS ON JUNE 13TH. INFO ADDRESSEES MAY WISH AT THEIR DISCRETION EXPLAIN USG POSITION AND INDICATE

THAT CONTINUED SUPPORT OF ADB, WHICH IS IN THEIR INTEREST,
WILL MUCH DEPEND ON CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF ADB ACTIVITIES
IN CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM. KISSINGER

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